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Hughes et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3747  
Application No.: 10/662,807 ) Examiner: J. Benton  
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For: CYLINDER BLOCK FOR AN ) Confirmation No.: 1115  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION )  
ENGINE HAVING A LOCALLY )  
THICKENED END WALL )

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, relating to the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as set forth in the following claim listing. Remarks follow the claim listing of this paper.

As shown in the claim listing, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 3, 10, 18, and 20 are amended.